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Saferide Will Use New NextBus | Schmill, Hicks Discuss Tracking System Starting In July MIT's Image, Changes

By Jeff Guo

Starting July, GPS tracking will return to MIT's shuttle buses.

After years of using the studentwritten ShuttleTrack GPS software to display shuttle locations, MIT has signed a contract with GPS tracking company NextBus to take over tracking of its fleet of 13 vehicles, according to Lawrence R. Brutti, operations manager at MIT's Parking and Transportation Office.

In addition to tracking buses using a live Google map on its Web site, NextBus also predicts arrival times and provides data to the transportation office to help make routes more efficient.

As a trial, NextBus has been tracking the Boston Daytime shuttle since March at http://www.nextbus.com. Brutti said that positive feedback from fraternities and sororities encouraged him to sign the contract, which was finalized on April 4th.

ShuttleTrack, which was first implemented in 2003, also allowed students to view shuttle locations on a real-time map of the campus. But the service was written by students and wasn't maintained after they graduated. Despite a comprehensive rewrite in 2005, the service remained buggy and was often unavailable. "Shuttle-Track being down was one of our chief complaints," Brutti said. "We knew we



Students board SafeRide at Student Center on the evening of March 3. 2008. SafeRide's ShuttleTrack system may soon be replaced by a new, more efficient, more reliable system called NextBus.

needed to get stable tracking up."

Aside from being unreliable, ShuttleTrack did not allow the programming of new routes and could not accommodate more than one vehicle on each route.

Brutti began seeking commercial alternatives to ShuttleTrack in October, and was impressed by NextBus's ability to forecast arrival times. "We looked at 3 to 4 companies ... one was the one that Harvard uses," Brutti said. "But most of them just show where a vehicle is on a map. They don't do

predictions."

Of NextBus, Brutti said, "It is state of the art, top of the line. We feel like we'll have a nice stable system, which ShuttleTrack was not."

When the new 28-passenger buses arrived in January to replace the cramped, older vans, Brutti chose not to install ShuttleTrack hardware, anticipating the change to a new system. For that reason, most routes this spring lacked GPS tracking.

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Wheaton College Prof. Resigns After **School Questions Details of Divorce**

By Catrin Einhorn THE NEW YORK TIMES

Of all the reasons a beloved professor could be leaving the college where he has taught for the last 20 years, the one for Kent Gramm's departure is peculiar: He is getting divorced, the college demands an explanation, and he refuses to give

So Dr. Gramm is packing up his office at Wheaton College, an evangelical Christian liberal arts school where everyone signs an agreement to uphold certain biblical standards of behavior, and divorce for reasons other than adultery and abandonment is grounds for firing. Rather than be fired, Dr. Gramm, a professor of English and creative writing, has resigned effective the end of this semester.

"Why are college administrat better able to judge my divorce than I am?" Dr. Gramm, who has been married for 34 years, asked in an interview. "If I had thought this was the wrong thing to do, I wouldn't have done it."

Dr. Gramm's departure has prompted hand-wringing, a petition drive by students on his behalf and deep reflection on this peaceful campus about 20 miles west of Chicago, where visitors are welcomed by the towering pillars of the Billy Graham Center, named for the evangelist and 1943 Wheaton alumnus. Wheaton students vow not to smoke or drink on campus, and until 2003, they had

In Short

¶ A commencement ticket giveaway is being coordinated by the 2008 class council at https://web. mit.edu/2008/survey/commencementtickets.html. Students who want to give away extra tickets can add themselves to a list on the site; those who want extras can consult the list of available tickets at the site.

to promise not to dance. (Now they can do so, but only if it is not "im-

College officials say, and students seem to agree, that it is appropriate to require members of their voluntary religious community to adhere to Christian standards of behavior. The controversy here is over what to do when the messiness of life gets in the

College officials say their rules on employee divorce mirror those laid out in the Bible, sanctioning it only in cases of adultery or abandonment. It is unclear whether Dr. Gramm's reasons for divorce would have allowed him to stay because he refuses to discuss any details. His wife, Lynelle, declined to comment.

College officials said they had de no attempt to contact Dr Gramm's wife. They said they typically did not contact the spouses of divorcing employees or verify the employees' versions of events; rather, they are concerned with the emotional and moral disposition of the employees themselves.

Dr. Gramm rejects the idea that a spouse must accuse his partner of wrongdoing to be allowed to stay after a divorce. He questions why the judgment of college administrators matters more than the word of a valued, longtime employee. "God won't fire anyone because of their marital status, politics, theology or sexual preference," Dr. Gramm said.

"I'm accepting the policy as it applies to me because I knew it was in place and I don't expect anyone to make any exceptions," he said. "But in the long run I think the policy is not a good one, because in a sense it's

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To Financial Aid at UA

By Nick Bushak

Dean of Admissions Stuart Schmill '86 and Executive Director of Student Financial Services Elizabeth M. Hicks spoke about the future of MIT admissions and financial aid at an open Undergraduate Association meeting yesterday evening.

The discussion focused on MIT's admissions selection criteria and recent changes to MIT's financial aid

Schmill began the meeting by saying that, despite recent events, "MIT's image in the world is quite strong." He said that the goal of MIT admissions is to admit students "who appreciate science and technology and want to somehow use it in their lives" to change the

Schmill also outlined challenges facing the admissions department. According to Schmill, many other schools "are recognizing the value of science and engineering" and are increasingly trying to recruit the same students recruited by MIT.

Another challenge is maintaining the "ability to attract students from all backgrounds." Specifically, "low-income students are nationally taking up a smaller share of college seats," so MIT will have to work harder to recruit those students.

Hicks discussed her work in finding "ways to reduce pressure on parents and ... students," including reducing the amount student self-help contributions. Currently \$2,850 is requested from students with family incomes below \$75,000, and \$4,750 is requested from students with family income above \$75,000.

According to Hicks, some alumni who financed their own educations, like as World War II veterans, feel that students should have to pay some for their educations. She said that self-help contributions will likely remain a part of financial aid, but added "students' time here is a time to explore ... not to have 3

Students also asked Schmill about plans to increase class size, which is currently around 1000 students per class. The main obstacle to increasing class size, said Schmill, is on campus housing; there will be more options once the new W1 is ready. He said that the increase to class size would be "on the order of 10 percent," or about 100 students.

Schmill was asked about whether or not he would continue Jones's push to recruit a more well-rounded student body, including those interested in areas beyond science and technology.

In 2001, Marilee Jones published an article in the MIT Faculty Newsletter about the incoming generation of college students, who she called the "Millennials." In the article, she wrote that these incoming students are "'diverse busy', spreading their energies over many activities, not the 'focused' busy of the classic Techie, who eats, sleeps, and dreams their passion." She argued that MIT should change to better educate the new generation of students.

Schmill said that diversity in interests is "great" and "students' educations benefit" from admitting those students. However, he said "it's important that any student we admit here has an appreciation for science and technology and wants to use it in some fashion," even if they want to study something else.

"I don't see it as broadening [the types of people we admit]" Schmill said. "I don't think we need to change what we're doing."



Students relax in Killian Court on Monday afternoon at the MIT Spring Picnic celebrating the retirement of Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict.



Check out photos from spring concerts around campus!

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Google Spoils Microsoft's Yahoo Bid

By Miguel Helft

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Microsoft and Yahoo were pushed to the brink of a multibilliondollar marriage and then to a sudden break-up this weekend by the same player.

It was Google, in the odd dual role as both unwitting matchmaker and self-interested spoiler.

Google's phenomenal rise, after all, prodded Microsoft, the dominant technology company for more than two decades, to court Yahoo. And Google's success also weakened Yahoo enough to give Microsoft the sense that it could buy the company at a good price.

A combined Microsoft-Yahoo would create a powerful competitor, and Google early on indicated that it would fight the merger on antitrust grounds in Washington and Brussels.

But Google played a part in killing the deal, for now at least, by acting more as friend than foe. It offered to let Yahoo use its more sophisticated search advertising technology, which by some estimates would have meant \$1 billion more revenue a year for Yahoo. The partnership would also bring Google more revenue.

The prospect of such a partnership emboldened Yahoo's board to demand more money for the company and eventually caused Microsoft to rethink its strategy.

Steven A. Ballmer, Microsoft's chief executive, cited the proposed Google partnership as the main reason for not pursuing a hostile bid and instead walking away on Saturday.

In Sichuan, Protest Cites Pollution Risk Of New Plant

By Edward Wong

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BEIJING

Residents took to the streets of a provincial capital over the weekend to protest a multibillion-dollar petrochemical plant backed by China's leading state-run oil company, in the latest instance of popular discontent over an environmental threat in a major city.

The protest, against a \$5.5 billion ethylene plant under construction by PetroChina in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province, reflected a surge in environmental awareness by urban, middle-class Chinese determined to protect their health and the value of their property. A similar protest last year, against a Taiwanese-financed petrochemical venture in Xiamen, in China's southeast, left that project in limbo.

The recent protest, which was peaceful, was organized through Web sites, blogs and cell phone text messages, illustrating how some Chinese are using digital technology to spur civic movements, which are usually banned by the police. Organizers also used text messages to publicize their cause nationally.

Iran Rejects More Talks On Iraq With U.S.

By Alissa J. Rubin

THE NEW YORK TIMES

BAGHDA

As American strikes on Shiite armed fighters in Baghdad have widened, Iran has suspended talks with the United States on Iraqi security, citing the continued offensive as the reason, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said Monday.

American forces were responding to fire from Shiite militias in the Amel neighborhood in western Baghdad, and in eastern Baghdad, they hammered both the nearby district of New Baghdad during the day and the Shiite ghetto of Sadr City on Monday night.

"The focus of discussions with the U.S. is Iraq's security and stability," said Mohammad Ali Hosseini, the spokesman for the Iranian Foreign Ministry in Tehran, according to IRNA, the official Iranian news agency.

"We are witnessing indiscriminate bombardment of Iraqi residential areas by the U.S. occupying forces," Hosseini told reporters at his weekly news conference.

Death Toll in Myanmar Storm Could Exceed 10,000

By Seth Mydans

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Myanmar struggled Monday to recover from a cyclone that killed more than 3,900 people and perhaps as many as 10,000, while its military leaders proceeded with a constitutional referendum on Saturday that would cement their grip on power.

If these numbers are accurate, the death toll would be the highest from a natural disaster in Asia since the tsunami of December 2004, which devastated coastlines along Indonesia, Thailand and other parts of South Asia and claimed 181,000 lives.

Tens of thousands of people were homeless after the cyclone, and food and water were running short.

"Stories get worse by the hour," one Yangon resident, who did not want to be identified for fear of government retribution, reported in an e-mail message. "No drinking water in many areas, still no power. Houses completely disappeared. Refugees scavenging for food in poorer areas. Roofing, building supplies, tools — all are scarce and prices skyrocketing on everything."

Officials said they would open

the doors of their closed and tightly controlled nation to international relief groups. So far, most foreigners and all foreign journalists have been barred from entering the country.

They also said the controversial referendum would proceed. "It's only a few days left before the coming referendum and people are eager to cast their vote," an official statement said Monday.

But witnesses and residents said the military had been slow to respond to the devastation of the cyclone and some suggested that the government's performance could affect the vote in the referendum.

Residents said that they were being pressured to vote "yes" and that riot police officers had been patrolling the streets before the cyclone in a show of force that was more visible than their relief efforts afterward.

Nine months ago, security forces had fired into crowds to disperse huge pro-democracy demonstrations led by monks killing dozens of people, and in the months since the government has carried out a campaign of arrests and intimidation.

State-owned television had reported early Monday that 3,934

people had died in Cyclone Nargis, which swept through the Irrawaddy Delta and the country's main city, Yangon, early Saturday. The broadcast said nearly 3,000 were missing, all of them from a single town, Bogalay.

That report was followed by a briefing at which three Cabinet ministers told diplomats and U.N. officials that the death toll could reach 10,000 people in the delta region, an area that is home to nearly half the nation's 48 million people, according to Richard Horsey, a spokesman for the U.N. disaster response office in Bangkok.

That estimate represents a dramatic increase over the government's initial estimate on Sunday of 351 people killed.

"What is clear is that we are dealing with a major emergency situation, and the priority needs now are shelter and clean drinking water," Horsey said.

A spokesman for the World Food Program said the government of Myanmar, which severely restricts the movements and activities of foreign groups, had given the U.N. permission to send in emergency aid.

Kuwaitis, Seeing a Slowing Economy, Question Democracy

By Robert F. Worth

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KUWAI

In a vast, high-ceilinged tent, Ali al-Rashed sounded an anguished note as he delivered the first speech of his campaign for Parliament.

"Kuwait used to be No.1 in the economy, in politics, in sports, in culture, in everything," he said, his voice floating out in the warm evening air to hundreds of potential voters seated on white, damask-lined chairs. "What happened?"

It is a question many people are asking as this tiny, oil-rich nation of 2.6 million people approaches its latest round of elections. And the unlikely answer being whispered, both here and in neighboring countries on the Persian Gulf, is: too much democracy

In a region where autocracy is the rule, Kuwait is a remarkable exception, with a powerful and truculent elected Parliament that sets the emir's salary and is the nation's sole source of legislation. Women gained the right to vote and run for office two years ago, and a popular movement won further electoral changes.

But despite those gains, Kuwait has been overshadowed by its dynamic neighbors — Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Qatar — where economies are booming under absolute monarchies. Efforts to overhaul Kuwait's sclerotic welfare state have stalled in its fractious and divided Parliament, and noisy scandals led the emir to dissolve the chamber last month for the second time in less than two years, forcing new elections.

All this has left many Kuwaitis deeply disenchanted with their 50-member elected legislature. The collapse of the Bush administra-

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Tuesday, May 6, 2008

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tion's efforts to promote democracy in the region and the continuing chaos in Iraq, just to the north — once heralded as the birthplace of a new democratic model — have also contributed to a popular suspicion that democracy itself is one Western import that has not lived up to its advertising.

"People say democracy is just slowing us down, and that we'd be better off if we were more like Dubai," said Waleed al-Sager, 24, who is advising his father's campaign for Parliament.

Like many Kuwaitis, al-Sager quickly distanced himself from that view. But as the May 17 parliamentary elections approach, with near-constant coverage in a dozen new newspapers and on satellite TV stations, candidates refer again and again to a "halat ihbaat" — state of frustration.

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WEATHER

Super Tuesday

By Cegeon J. Chan

Whether you are an Obama or Clinton fan (or even a McCain supporter), there should be at least one thing everybody can agree on today: weatherwise, it's a super Tuesday. Today features sunny skies, seasonably warm temperatures, and a light wind. If there were to be a vote for the best weather condition, I would argue today's weather (OK, maybe a wee-bit warmer) would appease the largest number of people on campus. Slightly hotter would likely make anyone participating in an outdoor activity too sweaty and uncomfortable. If slightly cooler, some pedestrians may find the air has some bite.

How long will these "super" conditions persist? Only one more day. (Though, tomorrow may win the optimal-weather-conditions primary.) By Thursday, cloudy skies and showers return. Hey, the weather machine can only hold off the rain for so long. No, the aforementioned weather machine is not that white ball above the Green Building, but the broad area of high pressure to our west. Once this departs, our "shields will be down captain," and, as a result, a Nor'easter is likely to develop on Friday. (Disclaimer: forecast uncertainties are rarely constant, i.e. the further the forecast, in general, the greater the uncertainty.) At some point Friday, there seems to be a significant likelihood for a period of heavy rain. An optimist view: a storm like that only makes us appreciate days like today. Enjoy.

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Tomorrow Night: Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s°F (11°C). **Thursday:** Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s°F (20°C). **Friday:** Rain likely. Highs in the upper 50s°F (15°C).

Concerns Arise That Mortgage Financing Agencies Are at Risk

By Charles Duhigg

THE NEW YORK TIMES

As home prices continue their free fall and banks shy away from lending, Washington officials have increasingly relied on two giant mortgage financiers Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac—to keep the housing market afloat.

But with mortgage defaults and foreclosures rising, Bush administration officials, regulators and law-makers are nervously asking whether these two companies, would-be saviors of the housing market, will soon need saving themselves.

The companies, which say fears that they might falter are baseless, have recently received broad new powers and billions of dollars of investing authority from the federal government. And as Wall Street all but abandons the mortgage business, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac now overwhelmingly dominate it, handling more than 80 percent of all mortgages bought by investors in the first quarter of this year. That is more than double their market share in 2006.

But some financial experts worry that the companies are dangerously close to the edge, especially if home prices go through another steep decline. Their combined cushion of \$83 billion — the capital that their regulator requires them to hold — underpins a colossal \$5 trillion in debt and other financial commitments.

The companies, which were created by Congress but are owned by investors, suffered more than \$9 billion in mortgage-related losses last year, and analysts expect those losses

to grow this year. Fannie Mae is to release its most recent financial results on Tuesday and Freddie Mac is to report earnings next week.

The companies are sitting on as much as \$19 billion in additional losses that they have not yet fully acknowledged, analysts say. If either company stumbled, the mortgage business could lose its only lubricant, potentially causing the housing market to plummet and credit markets to freeze up completely.

And if Fannie or Freddie fail, taxpayers would probably have to bail them out at a staggering cost.

"We've taken tremendous risks by loosening these companies' purse strings," said Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., a former U.S. secretary of housing and urban development.

State Legislatures Face Increasing Pressure Over High Fuel Taxes

By Damien Cave

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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Gov. Charlie Crist of Florida has been fighting to cut 10 cents from the state's gasoline tax for two weeks in July. Lawmakers in Missouri, New York and Texas have also proposed a summer break from state gas taxes, while candidates for governor in Indiana and North Carolina are sparring over relief ideas of their own.

If experience with such gas tax "holidays" is any guide, drivers would save less than politicians suggest. But that is not necessarily the point.

"It's about trying to serve the people and trying to understand and have caring, compassionate hearts for what they're dealing with at the kitchen table," said Crist, a Republican.

He added, "I'm supposed to respond to the people and try to make them happy."

Rising frustration with gas prices has led two presidential candidates, Sens. John McCain and Hillary Rodham Clinton, to promote proposals to suspend the federal gas tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

But state gas taxes, which run as high as 45.5 cents a gallon, often add far more to the price of gas than the 18.4-cent federal excise tax and are the primary cause of price disparities across state lines. So lawmakers and candidates at the state level have been getting into the act.

The collective response speaks not just to the harsh reality of skyrocketing gas prices. It also highlights the political potency of anything that affects America's special bond with cars. Gasoline is a product that no one can ignore — and one that inspires intense emotion.

"It clearly evokes a visceral response because we're the only industry that has our prices in 2-foot-high letters on the street corner," said John Felmy, chief economist at the American Petroleum Institute. "We've seen other things go up in prices, like milk, but if you ask 10 people on the street what's the price of milk they may not know. All of them will know the price of gas."

Not Recession-Proof After All

By Clifford Krauss

HE NEW YORK TIMES

For decades, this gambling center seemed nearly immune to the economic swings of the rest of the country. But these days, the city built on excess is seeing a troubling sign: moderation.

Gambling revenue and hotel occupancy are down. Resorts are slashing room rates and offering coupons or free nights. Casino operators are firing hundreds of workers, and their stock prices have plummeted since October. Credit is drying up for hotel and condominium projects planned before the slowdown hit.

Even the people still coming to Las Vegas are spending less. Julia Lee, 27, of Los Angeles said she normally brings \$10,000 on her trips here to play blackjack. As Lee picked up show tickets the other night, she said she had brought less than half that on this trip. "My parents are in real estate, and we're worried," she said.

So are this city's hoteliers, retailers, wedding chapel operators and anyone else who depends on the extravagance of gamblers and tourists. The spending declines are relatively modest, a few percentage points here and there. But Las Vegas has a huge inventory of new casinos and hotels due for completion in the next few years, and a long national recession could send the city reeling.

Democrats Set to Defy Bush On War Spending Bill

By Carl Hulse

HE NEW YORK TIMES

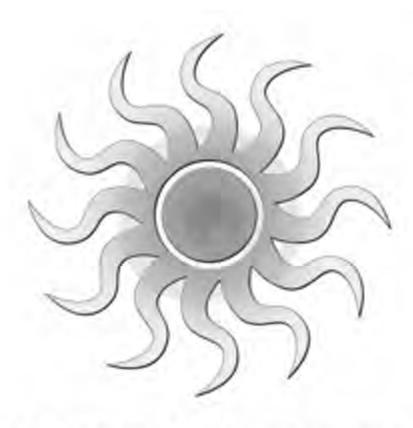
WASHINGTON

Defying President Bush, House Democrats are preparing to forge ahead with a war spending measure that would include extended unemployment assistance and new educational benefits for returning veterans

After a meeting Monday evening of House Democratic leaders, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she hoped to bring a \$178 billion measure to the floor this week. What could be a contentious debate on the matter is likely to be held on Thursday, aides said.

Pelosi of California did not disclose details of the proposed bill, which will be presented to rank-and-file Democrats at a closed party session on Tuesday. But Democratic officials, who did not want to be identified since the bill was still being put into final form, said the legislative package would include provisions requiring a significant withdrawal of troops from Iraq by December 2009 and measures that would force Iraq to share more costs of its reconstruction.

Democrats also intend to make veterans eligible for new educational assistance if they have served from three months to three years or more on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. The aid would be equivalent to a four-year scholarship at a public university for those with three years or more service, with payments prorated for those with less time.



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Letters Improve Cultural Understanding

In the May 2 issue of *The Tech*, Miguel Valença Pires describes the reaction of some Chinese students to the cartoons critical of their country as a personal "attack," and advises

"brushing aside the criticism" or "taking it at face value."

Irony aside, why should those be the only choices? I, for one, applaud *The Tech* for tirelessly printing "endless [l]etters" from diverse opinions, including those of Chinese students at MIT — not a small part of this community.

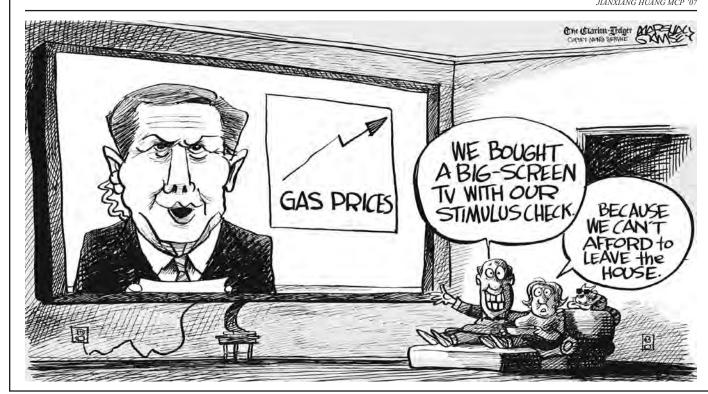
These letters have been measured and thought-provoking in the main, and have since elicited an ongoing discussion from which we will all learn something. This is a great outcome, considering a few issues back we only had what the "ambivalent" author himself describes as unfunny cartoons.

Ying-zong Huang G



The bandwagon stories about China ...

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Campus Life Brouhaha Rhythm

Highway to the Relaxation Zone crappy, I think to myself, "it's almost over— Listening to the right music c

By Michael T. Lin

You'd think it would be redundant to write an article for MIT students about the effects of stress, yet here I am. I suppose I just can't help inflicting my thoughts on all of you - sorry about that. As it happens, stress is much like physical illness, in that it can manifest itself in physiological symptoms like muscular ties and discomfort, which is why over the next few weeks, you'll be seeing MIT undergraduates all over campus twitching and jerking like they were inventing a new dance style. In my particular case, my abdominal muscles keep contracting involuntarily, so on the bright side, my core should be a good bit stronger by the time finals are over. As a point of additional irony, other symptoms of stress include memory problems and insomnia, which cause our already stressed bodies to put on quite a dance. The obvious solution to stress is to relax, but when there are only so many hours between now and crunch time, that solution becomes less and less of a viable option.

From time to time, when things really have me down and out and I'm feeling really

all I have to do is get through this week, and next week will be better." Unfortunately, this happens just about every week. If you want to brag about seeing that punch line coming from light-years away, consider first for a moment what that says about your own workload. Yeah. it made me want to cry too, and I haven't even started my major-related courses yet. I need a hug. Or perhaps an "I Need A Hug" T-shirt. You know, the whole "teach a man to fish" phi-

None of this disgruntlement, I imagine, is new to any of you. After all, most of you have been staring down the barrel of the fire hose long enough to know that it's not an inherently comfortable experience, and besides, we does have a reputation of intensity to uphold. So what's my point? I'm not entirely sure at this juncture (indecisiveness and an inability to concentrate are also among the symptoms of stress, which seems to indicate I've been stressed all my life), but I think it has something to do with my trying to dispense tips for condensing stress relief into a minimalist time

Listening to the right music can often bring stress levels down very effectively. Alas, few have the time to dedicate thirty minutes to an hour to simply sit with soothing chick-flick soundtracks or nature sounds filling the room, much less the attention span to do so without having to check Facebook every ten minutes. Luckily, listening to music can be passive, and therefore may be compounded with any of a variety of more productive activities easily. I should probably offer the caveat, however, that blasting the Top Gun soundtrack can either speed up or slow down one's psetting, depending on the severity of one's chronic sing-along syndrome. If, for some reason, your neighbors don't care for Kenny Loggins, it may also irritate them unnecessarily. The philistines.

There's also the idea of seeking out spa and spa-like treatment at home, as opposed to the professional, nigh-unaffordable varieties. The most basic of these is the hot shower, one of the most relaxing times of the day (or fortnight, for some. You know who you are. And if you're upwind, so do we). If properly enjoyed, which means not bringing your pset with you into the shower, it can be incredibly rejuvenating. Since showering is presumably a part of daily life anyway, chances are that making one's shower as relaxing as possible should take relatively little out of your day. Asking your friends to give you a massage can sometimes be hit-and-miss, as the untrained or overzealous can end up doing nothing more than chafing your skin and making both of you feel extremely awkward. An important key to massage in particular, at least from an amateur standpoint, is that time spent on it should be dedicated. Even though receiving or giving a massage can use up a lot of time that can be spent studying, the net benefit can be substantial if it staves off the impending nervous breakdown for a day or two. Multitasking, however, can sometimes render a massage ineffectual even in trained hands.

Of course, how you relax best is something for you to figure out yourself, but considering that some of us haven't properly relaxed since the third grade, I can only hope that a small refresher course was of some use. Now, if vou'll excuse me, I need to go seek out a hot tub. I love writing this column, but I wouldn't call it a de-stressing activity. I hope nobody's using the kitchen sink for the next half an hour.

Squid vs. Whale

Who Gave Indiana Jones Tenure?

By Charles Lin

Sam and I were thinking about the new Indiana Jones movie. I don't know if you're familiar with the series or not, but it's quite popular with the youth today. It involves the escapades of a professor of archeology who has a penchant for mischief, Nazis, and biblical artifacts.

To date, Indiana Jones has found the Ark of the Covenant, liberated a sweatshop from the clutches of Kali-Man, and imbibed from the Holy Grail. In the process he has met Hitler, avoided the wrath of God, and killed hundreds of Nazis. Though the stories are tremendously exciting, I have a serious concern with their plausibility. This problem pertains not to the plausibility of his adventures, which don't trouble me in the least, but to one simple item of Indiana Jones's background. Namely, who gave Indiana Jones tenure?

Now you might argue that Indiana Jones is only a visiting faculty member or a lecturer, but make no mistake. Indiana Jones is indeed a full professor at the elite Hamilton University. Considering the begrudging esteem he elicits from both his friends and enemies, as well as his academic career which spans decades, there can be no doubt that Indiana Jones is in fact tenured.

The overwhelming question, of course, is how did he achieve his lofty status?

Upon reviewing Prof. Jones' academic record, I find it extremely hard to believe that the prestigious Hamilton University would give tenure to such an academic lightweight. Because lets face it, even if Indiana

Jones has saved the real world from Nazi's numerous times, his CV is less than compelling in the academic

Let's review. In scanning the canonical requirements for tenure, we

- 1. Published work
- 2. Esteem of peers
- 3. Ability to draw funding

Professor Jones clearly meets none of these requirements.

They say in academia, publish or perish. Well, it seems Prof. Jones has taken this aphorism to heart, but only in regards to the latter part. In the last few decades, he has been poisoned, brainwashed, savagely beaten, and mauled. He's nearly lost his head. died in an airplane crash, and had his heart ripped out - both literally and metaphorically. That Nazi bitch was totally two-timing him with his dad (and Hitler).

However, during this same period, there is no mention of any publication or academic paper by Prof. Jones. And a cursory LEXIS-NEXIS query returns no results. Additionally, Prof. Jones seems to be permanently on sabbatical. Worse still, the places in which he takes his sabbaticals are not in any way, shape, or form, reputable academic institutions. But rather, they tend towards Nazi book burnings and cult hideouts in the Hima-

layas. As he prefers to spend his sabbaticals burning books rather than reading them, one can safely assume that his record as an author

As for his esteem among peers, in seeing Prof. Jones on campus, it is clear he has the adoration of his pupils. He seems to be quite popular with the fairer sex and coeds often bat their eyelashes at him. However, it is important to note that teaching ability has little bearing on one's tenure application. In fact, one could contend that his success with the fairer sex has created a fair amount of jealousy among his colleagues, especially the more curmudgeonly senior professors, who, to put it bluntly, have not aged gracefully. The image of Jones sauntering around campus with his dusty fedora, leather whip, musky scent, and masculine stare are definitely upsetting to the more traditional and grounded senior

Furthermore, Prof. Jones's acquaintances outside of the campus are also quite scandalous. He has been known to employ child labor and has often associated with religious fanatics. He has cohorts among the less than reputable, including Ottoman traders, ruffians, smugglers, and Nazis - lots and lots of Nazis. He has on numerous occasions entered social settings dressed in Nazi garb. And in fact, his Nazi infatuation has gone so far that even his journal contains an autograph by Adolf Hitler. In general, these sorts of connections do not go over well with progressive

Lastly, there's the question of Indiana

Jones's value to the university. With his constant adventuring, one could safely assume that grant writing was not his favorite pastime. This does not mean that Jones was not valuable in other ways. The amount of treasure that Jones has come across is nearly priceless. One could almost command an unstoppable army with the wealth and treasure Jones has seen. If the university were to arrange a small finder's fee from Jones, one would think that they would surely come out

However, let us make one thing clear. In giving tenure to Jones, the university gave tenure to a man who knows the location of the Holy Grail. Though academics joke that tenure is forever, in Jones's case, it may actually be true. Imagine a solid millennium of matching 401k contributions. Professor Jones would be that one old professor who literally will not die fast enough. In fact, he literally won't die. He'll just putter around the office acting as if nothing had changed since 1933.

It's virtually inconceivable to think that a prestigious university such as Hamilton could have awarded this man tenure. There must have been another reason.

Now it's possible that the Senior Dr. Jones pulled some strings, as nepotism and academia have always gone hand in hand. One could also guess that the Prof. Jones of today vastly differs from the lowly straight-laced Asst. Professor Jones of yore. It's entirely possible that upon receiving tenure, Prof. Jones threw academic rigor out the window and transformed into the swashbuckling academic that we know today. Unfortunately, a cursory viewing of the Young Indiana Jones completely dispels this notion.

Sadly it's difficult to find a reasonable means by which Indiana Jones achieved tenure. It may be that his tenure process embroiled the entire university in scandal and only by his good looks and connections did he achieve his current status.

There is however, one last compelling argument that can be made. We must remember that Prof. Jones did find the Ark of the Covenant, which the government wanted to hush up as quickly as possible. As we all know in academia, how do you hush up a rambunctious, young upstart professor with a large mouth?

You give him tenure.

Fail of the Week

To the staff of the Agganis Arena at Boston University for playing Nelly's "Hot in Herre" during the set break of the John McEnroe vs. Pete Sampras (combined age 85) match.



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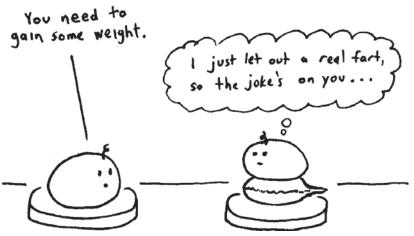
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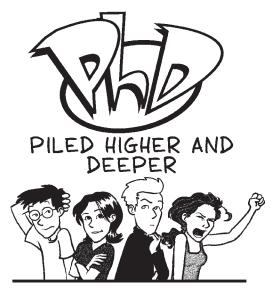
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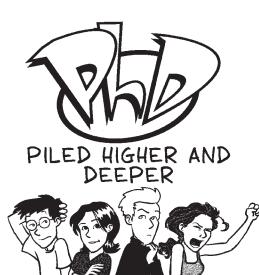
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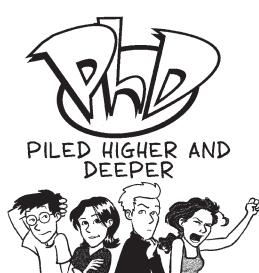




















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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

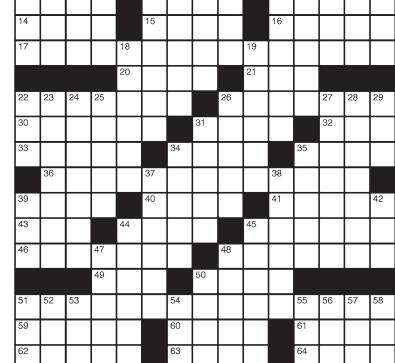
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- 60 Be sore
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- 62 Put on apparel
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- 64 Strike to the ground

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MITWE Performs In Kresge

The MIT Wind Ensemble performs their last concert for the 2007-2008 season in Kresge Auditorium on Friday, May 2 at 8 p.m. The program consisted of Serenade No. 12 by Mozart, March, Op. 99 by Sergey Prokofiev, Windborn(e) by Gabriel SenaneS, Knomery by Derick Hare and Symphonie Funebre et Triomphale by Hector Berlioz.

clockwise from right

Maria A. Frendberg '11 strums the double bass during the world premier of Windborn(e).

Frederick Harris, the music director of the Wind Ensemble, conducts Windborn(e), Gabriel SenaneS first composition for wind ensemble.

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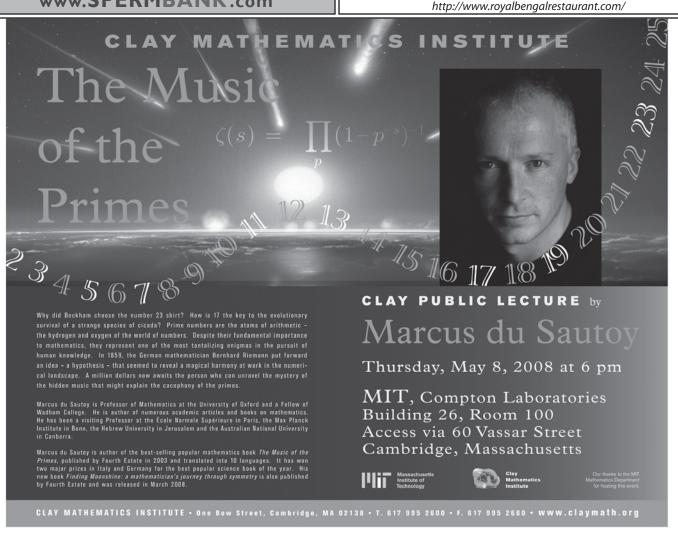
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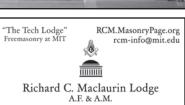
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NextBus Will Count Riders

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In the next few weeks, NextBus technicians will install GPS hardware into the buses that serve on the shuttle routes. For a month or so, the system will have to learn the routes to help it make more accurate arrival predictions. Brutti expects the system to be fully functional by July.

The Nextbus system is also capable of counting the number of passengers entering and leaving a bus. Brutti hopes to enable this feature in the fall, which would provide information about how full a shuttle is.

MIT will pay \$45,000 for the installation, and \$10,000 a year for the service, which runs completely offsite. Previously, ShuttleTrack had to be maintained by the Transportation Office.

The transportation office will also receive two portable briefcase-sized GPS trackers with magnet-mounted antennas to use in a pinch on replacement buses. "With ShuttleTrack, if we were missing a bus and another one came in, we couldn't track," Brutti said. "Now we'll be able to track constantly."

NextBus also provides bus tracking services to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and the University of North Carolina.

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Wheaton Provost Says Divorce is Moral Issue

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saying that Wheaton's standards are higher than God's. That's an upsidedown world."

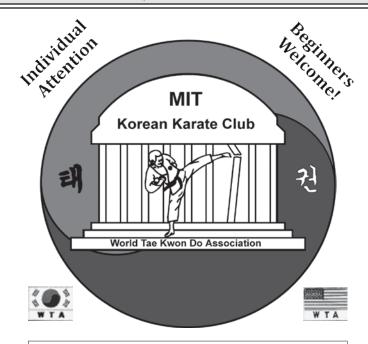
But college officials say because professors are models for the students, it is especially incumbent on them to abide by moral codes.

"Marriage matters to God," said Wheaton's provost, Stanton L. Jones. "Marriage and divorce are moral issues; they're not simply matters of lifestyle choice."

"Man is, in reality, a spiritual being, and only when he lives in the spirit is he truly happy."

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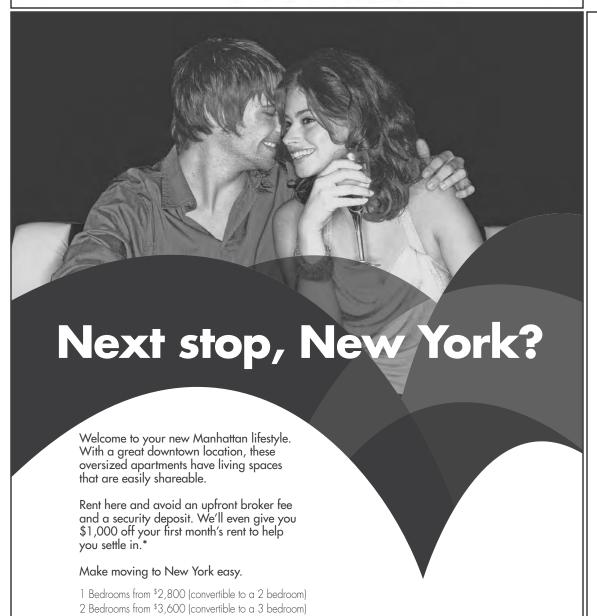
Resonance **Entertains**



Resonance's Annual Spring Concert took place on May 2. (above) Michael Borohovski '09 and Amudha Panneerselvam '10 sing "Gone" by Ben Folds Five.

(below) Members of Resonance dance along with Joshua M. Karges '08, who is dressed as a giant tampon during a skit. Photography by Monica Kahn





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7:30 and 5:30 Jazz Combos Perform

Two Jazz Combos played on April 29 in Killian Hall.

(clockwise from right)

¶ Kenneth McEnaney G of the 7:30 Combo plays the trombone in John Coltrane's "Mr. P.C."

¶ Sheena C. Hembrador '06 belts out the vocals in Stevie Wonder's "Superstition."

¶ Steven J. Levine '11 plays an electronic keyboard during the 7:30 Combo's performance of "Superstition."

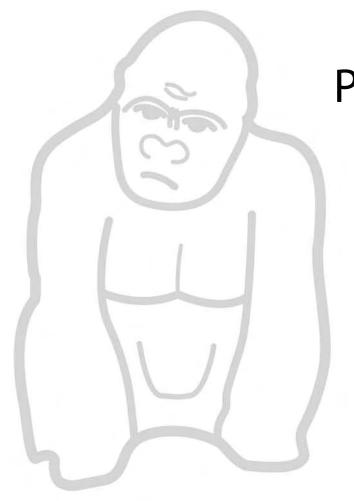
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SPORTS

sMITe Heads to Nationals After | Men's Tennis Registers Regionals Win Over Dartmouth

By Rosa Cao

The MIT women's ultimate team (sMITe) took second place at the New England Women's Regionals

last weekend, securing a place at the College Nationals in Boulder, CO this May 16–18.

The team was seeded fifth going into the tournament, after a

third place finish at the Metro Boston Sectionals two weeks ago. In bracket play, MIT beat no. 12 Connecticut College 15-6, and no. 4 Wesleyan University 15-5, to make it into the semi-finals on Saturday. There they upset top seed Dartmouth, traditionally the best team in the region, in a close, tense game, winning 15-13.

Dartmouth took the first point, but MIT quickly caught up and the teams traded points before MIT took half 8-7. When play resumed, Dartmouth pulled ahead and the teams traded points again. MIT finally scored two in row to take the lead 14-13 as a time cap was called.

With MIT needing one more point to reach the finals, Dartmouth dug its feet in. The point lasted over fifteen minutes and had many turnovers, as both teams pushed the disc to within a few yards of the end zone, only to lose possession before scoring.

After Dartmouth lost the disc on a stall (failing to pass the disc within ten seconds of receiving it), Jennifer L. Barry G finally caught a long throw from Doris Lin G just outside the end zone and called a timeout. When sMITe set up again with an end zone play, none of the handlers were able to get open to receive, until Barry threw a backhand floater with the stall count at eight to co-captain Erika M. Swanson G who was standing by herself in the middle of the field for the score.

Swanson and the rest of the team initially didn't realize that she was within the end zone; it was only when the observer (similar to a line referee) called her in with the game-winning point that MIT rushed the field.

"I wasn't surprised to catch it, I actually was looking for it," said Swanson. "I was just really surprised to be in the end zone, and almost shocked by what that meant."

"We peaked at just the right time," said coach and sMITe alum Darlene E. Ferranti '06, referring to MIT's relatively short spring season. "Dartmouth is a very talented team, but no team is unbeatable." Ferranti spotted a weakness early on: Dartmouth was less comfortable being forced to throw backhand instead of forehand.

On Sunday morning, sMITe lost to no. 2 Northeastern University in the finals, 15-8. The loss put MIT in a rematch against Dartmouth in the backdoor game-to-go for second place and a place at Nationals. MIT regrouped to keep the game close in the first half. sMITe then took half, 8-7, and never looked back, giving up only one point in the second half to close out the final 15-8.

"This is the tournament where sMITe really came together as a team," said coach Jin Ding. "Players were focused and aggressive - on the field and on the sidelines. Nationals is an event most teams can only dream of attending, and sMITe earned their spot.'

"They showed great composure by putting [the] loss [to Northeastern] aside to defeat Dartmouth," wrote Kendra Frederick, regional coordinator for the tournament, in an e-mail. "I was impressed by sMITe's athleticism and conditioning, and their solid fundamentals. Catherine Seaborn, Erika Swanson, and Doris Lin lead the team with their stellar abilities, but the real reason MIT is going to Nationals is the depth of their roster." sMITe has 22 players, of whom 11 are new to the team this year.

MIT did not get the chance to face no. 3 Tufts University in the tournament, a team they have vet to beat this year. Tufts was upset by no. 6 Boston University in bracket play, and then lost to Dartmouth on Sunday.

"Dartmouth and Tufts have been strong teams the past couple of years, and [many] assumed they would be representing our Region again this year at Nationals," wrote Frederick. But, she added, "MIT has had a strong team in the past," and Northeastern "has been an up-and-coming program for a couple of years now."



Daphne L. Wang '08 flicks the disc past her defender in sMITe's (Women's Ultimate team) semi-final match against Dartmouth College at New England Regionals in Lancaster, MA. on Saturday.

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

None

SCOREBOARD

Baseball	
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
Williams College (23-10)	5
MIT (18-17)	4
Suffolk University (26-10)	
MIT (18-17)	Postponed

Women's Lightweight Crew	7
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
University of Central Florida	6:46.6
Radcliffe College 1V	6:47.6
MIT	7:03.1
Radcliffe College 2V	7:09.3

Men's Heavyweight Cr	ew
Sunday, May 4, 2008	
University of Wisconsin	5:43.0
MIT	5:54.5
Boston University	5:55.5

Men's Lightweight Cre	W
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
MIT	5:48.1
University of Pennsylvania	5:49.0

Women's Openweight Crew	
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
Radcliffe College	6:24.0
Northeastern University	6:31.4
Boston University	6:38.7
Boston College	6:56.9
MIT	7:05.2

Women's Lacrosse	
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
MIT (5-8)	6
Babson College (14-2)	14

Sailing	
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
Fowle Trophy	
MIT	8th of 12

Men's Tennis					
Friday, May 2, 2008					
MIT (16-5)	5				
Salem State College	0				
Saturday, May 3, 2008					
MIT (16-6)	0				
Middlebury College	5				
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Men's Track and Field	
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
New England Div. III Championships	
MIT	2nd of 26

Women's Track and Field	
Saturday, May 3, 2008	
New England Div. III Championships	
MIT	3rd of 28

NCAA Tourney Victory

The men's tennis team won in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Tournament

with a 5-0 win over Salem State College at Middlebury College on Friday afternoon. The victory is their first win in the tournament since 2001.

MIT took a 3-0 lead early with wins in all three doubles contests. Peden P. Nichols '09 and Jonathan F. Farm '08 quickly posted an 8-3 decision in the three doubles position. Eric A. Beren '08 and Ken Van Tilburg '11 along with Kevin Pang '11 and David E. Iba '09 outlasted their opponents,

In singles play, Van Tilburg won 6-0, 6-0 in the two singles slot. Iba quickly followed with a 6-1, 6-2 victory at six singles, giving MIT a 5-0 lead. The Engineers were up in all four of the remaining matches, but play was halted since MIT had already clinched the match.

MIT's tournament run came to an end in the second round with a 5-0 loss to host Middlebury College on Saturday. Middlebury swept the doubles as Nichols and Farm were edged 9-7 and Pang and Iba lost in a tiebreaker 9-8 (8). Pang also lost 6-1, 6-1 in the three singles slot while Nichols was defeated by the same score at four singles to seal the match for Middlebury.

Lightweight Crew Defeats UPenn

By Andrzej Wojcieszynski

The MIT Lightweight Men's Crew team took on the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia on Saturday, May 3. In the first varsity race, a strong start in the first thousand meters led to the beginnings of an open water lead, but the Quakers were not so easily beaten. UPenn made a strong charge with 700 meters to go, but MIT held off their attack to win by less than a second, finishing in 5:48.1.

The win bodes well for the Engineers, who started off the season slowly. This week builds on last week's result, where the Tech men lost to two-time defending national champion Cornell University by just six seconds. In the freshman race, UPenn (6:02.2) managed to defeat MIT (6:06.8).



Coxswain Maria J. Telleria '08 raises her hands in triumph as the men's lightweight crew team recovers after a race against the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday.

The Tech's Athlete of the Week: Stephen A. Morton '10

Stephen A. Morton '10 was named New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year for the second strait year. This honor came after his wins in the 100-meter dash and long jump at the NEWMAC Championships. Morton secured First Team All-Conference honors in these events. He also earned second-team accolades in the 200-meter dash after placing second in that race.

At this weekend's New England Division III championships, Morton placed first in the long jump with a jump of 7.21 meters. He also placed eighth in the triple jump with a distance of 13.61 meters.

–Aaron Sampson, Staff Writer



G. Mike Vasquez '08 throws a pitch during MIT's 5-4 loss to the University of Massachusetts-Boston on May 1.